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SUBJ: EPA/SFCP INVITATION FOR DR. SYED M. RAB TO VISIT U.S.

REF: DEPT'S A-2745, APRIL 4, 1974

1. UNDER THE CURRENT PROCEDURE THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN REQUIRES THAT ALL TRAVEL AWARD OFFERS UNDER SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAMS BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE GOP ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISIONS WITHOUT INDICATION OF GRANTEE NAMES. EXCEPTIONS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AND ALLOWED IN THE PAST ONLY WHEN U.S. AGENCY-SUGGESTED GRANTEES ARE CONNECTED WITH ON-GOING SFC RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PAKISTAN. GOP FEELS VERY STRONGLY ABOUT INVITATIONS AND AWARD OFFERS MADE DIRECTLY TO PAKISTANIS EVEN WHEN THEY ARE CONNECTED WITH A PROJECT. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE GOP WILL CONCUR IF EPA'S REFERENCED REQUEST IS SUBMITTED IN THE PRESENT FORMAT.

2. WE SUGGEST THAT EPA OFFER AN AWARD TO THE GOP AND SUGGEST DR. RAB AS MOST SUITABLE TO BENEFIT FROM THE VISIT FOR PREPARATION OF A RESEARCH PROPOSAL ON THE INDICATED TOPIC. UNLESS THERE IS AN EQUALLY CAPABLE PERSON TO MERIT GOP CONSIDERATION AS A SUBSTITUTE THE LIKELIHOOD OF DR. RAB'S SELECTION IS HIGHLY LIKELY. ON THE OTHER HAND AN EQUALLY CAPABLE SUBSTITUTE SHOULD HAVE AN EQUALLY GOOD CHANCE OF BEING ACCEPTABLE TO THE EPA.

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3. IN REVISING THE AWARD REQUEST EMBASSY SUGGESTS THE VISIT DATES

SHOULD BE MADE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME
FOR PROCESSING WITH THE GOP, SAY TEN TO TWELVE WEEKS.
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